

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to drawings because the components of the constant velocity joint were not shown in an assembled view. This objection is respectfully traversed. The perspective view of Fig. 1 shows every feature of the invention specified in the claims as required under the rules of practice and is believed to clearly and unambiguously illustrate the invention in the most understandable manner. However, Fig. 1 is proposed to be amended by illustrating web portions on both (1) the inner surface of the cage and (2) the inner surface of the outer race. The specification has been amended to correspond with these proposed amendments to Fig. 1.

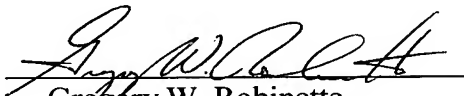
The Examiner rejected independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by each of the Bright reference, the Welschhof '353 reference, the Welschhof '325 reference, or the Welschhof '582 reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the amended language of Claim 1, which recites that a web provided on at least two of the (a) outer surface of the inner race that engages the inner surface of the cage, (b) inner surface of the cage that engages the outer surface of the inner race, (c) outer surface of the cage that engages the inner surface of the outer race, and (d) inner surface of the outer race that engages the outer surface of the cage.

In each of the Bright reference, the Welschhof '353 reference, and the Welschhof '582 reference, only a single structure is provided that could conceivably be considered to be a web in accordance with the claimed invention. Thus, none of the Bright reference, the Welschhof '353 reference, and the Welschhof '582 reference shows or suggests the claimed structure of a web that is provided on at least two of the surfaces, as specifically claimed. Thus, the claimed invention is clearly patentable over each of the Bright reference, the Welschhof '353 reference, and the Welschhof '582 reference.

In the Welschhof '325 reference, a pair of pins 105 and 106 are slidably supported in respective apertures extending through the cage 104. Thus, the Welschhof '325 reference does not show or suggest a web that is provided on any surface, much less provided on at least two of such surfaces. Thus, the claimed invention is also clearly patentable over the Welschhof '325 reference.

New independent Claim 15 defines the invention in a manner that is similar to independent Claim 1, except that the web that is formed integrally with one of various surfaces instead of being provided on at least two of such surfaces. None of the Bright reference, the Welschhof '353 reference, the Welschhof '325 reference, or the Welschhof '582 reference is believed to show a web that is formed integrally with the associated surface. Thus, it is believed that the invention defined in Claim 15 is also clearly patentable over such references.

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